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SUBJECT: RUNOFF ELECTION IN SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO

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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT THE ARGENTINE SUPREME COURT FINALLY HAS DECIDED TO OVERTURN THE DECISION OF THE ELECTORAL COURT OF SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO WHICH HAD DECLARED JUSTICIALISTA DISSIDENT CARLOS JUAREZ GOVERNOR- ELECT WITH ONLY A PLURALITY OF THE VOTE. A RUNOFF ELECTION HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MAY 20 , IN THE PROVINCE. JUAREZ WILL BE OPPOSED BY FRANCISCO LOPEZ BUSTOS, THE OFFICIAL FREJULI CANDIDATE WHO IS RUNNING UNDER THE MID BANNER.

2. THE SUPREME COURT' S DECISION WAS IN LINE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTORAL LAW AND THE STATUTES OF THE REVOLUTION, INDICATING AS IT DID THE SUPREMACY OF THOSE INSTRUMENTS OVER THE NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL CONSTITUTIONS IN LEGAL CONFLICTS. IN ANY EVENT, THE ELECTION IN SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO THIS COMING SUNDAY WILL PUT THAT PROVINCE IN THE SAME BOAT AS ALL THE OTHERS AND WILL FILL THE ONLY ELECTED POSTS (THE GOVERNORSHIP AND VICE GOVERNORSHIP) STILL VACANT, THUS COMPLYING WITH THE JUNTA' S DESIRE TO CONSTITUTE ALL NEW AUTHORITIES PRIOR TO MAY 25.
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